

1-1 By: Eltife S.B. No. 653
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2015; February 24, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business and Commerce;
 1-4 March 23, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 1; March 23, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Eltife	X			
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Ellis	X			
1-10 Huffines		X		
1-11 Schwertner	X			
1-12 Seliger	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Watson	X			
1-15 Whitmire	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to increasing the amount of burial benefits required to be
 1-20 paid by an insurance carrier under the workers' compensation
 1-21 system.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 408.186(a), Labor Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) If the death of an employee results from a compensable
 1-26 injury, the insurance carrier shall pay to the person who incurred
 1-27 liability for the costs of burial the lesser of:

1-28 (1) the actual costs incurred for reasonable burial
 1-29 expenses; or

1-30 (2) \$10,000 [~~\$6,000~~].

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
 1-32 claim for workers' compensation burial benefits based on a
 1-33 compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of
 1-34 this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before
 1-35 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
 1-36 the date the compensable injury occurred, and the former law is
 1-37 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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